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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION
AND OF LETTERS PATENT

Whereas, (the "Inventors"), **John Roger Sampson**, whose post office address is British American Tobacco R&D Centre, Regents Park Road, Southampton SO15 8TL Great Britain; **Richard Oliver**, whose post office address is British American Tobacco R&D Centre, Regents Park Road, Southampton SO15 8TL Great Britain; **Gordon Rowatt Grierson**, whose post office address is British American Tobacco R&D Centre, Regents Park Road, Southampton SO15 8TL Great Britain; and, **Dominic Woodcock**, whose post office address is British American Tobacco R&D Centre, Regents Park Road, Southampton SO15 8TL Great Britain have invented certain improvements in a **SMOKING ARTICLE AND APPARATUS AND PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A SMOKING ARTICLE**, (the "Invention"), and have executed a U.S. utility patent application for United States Letters Patent of the same title, herewith (the "Application"), claiming priority as a '371 filing from PCT/GB2005/000669, filed on February 28, 2005, which claims priority to and benefit from Great Britain Patent Application Serial Number GB0404324.6, filed on February 27, 2004; and,

Whereas, (the "Assignee"), **British American Tobacco (Investments) Limited**, a corporation existing under the laws of England and Wales, whose post office address is Globe House, 1 Water Street, London, United Kingdom WC2R 3LA (including its successors and assigns), desires to acquire our entire right, title and interest in said Application and Invention, and any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, the entire right, title and interest in said Application and the Invention disclosed therein for the United States of America, including rights of priority under the International Convention of Paris (1883) as amended and the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all patent applications, patents, continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, and reissues based thereon which may be filed or granted therefor in the United States. I agree to cooperate with Assignee, and to execute without

additional consideration any additional documents as deemed necessary by **Assignee**, to apply for or maintain patents or other legal protection for the **Invention** in the United States of America.

I hereby authorize and request the U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in this **Application** to said **Assignee**.

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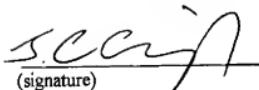
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